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SUBJECT: SITREP CYPRUS
SITUATION REPORT NO. 27
SITUATION IN CYPRUS AS OF 1500 (EDT), JULY 29

GENEVA FOR BUFFUM

1. MILITARY SITUATION IN CYPRUS: TURKISH TROOPS WERE REPORTED PUSHING EASTWARD ALONG THE COASTAL ROAD FROM KYRENIA IN THE FIRST MAJOR CEASEFIRE VIOLATION IN FOUR DAYS. THE TURKS TOOK UP POSITIONS SOME SIX MILES EAST OF THE TOWN, IN AN AREA BETWEEN GEUNYELI AND BOGAZ. EMBASSY NICOSIA BELIEVES
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THIS IS STILL AN ATTEMPT TO SOLIDIFY THE AREA ALREADY UNDER TURKISH CONTROL RATHER THAN AN ATTEMPT AT MAJOR EXPANSION.

2. TURKISH DEMAND THAT UN FORCES LEAVE TURKISH SALIENT: EARLIER TODAY, THE TURKISH COMMANDER IN CYPRUS INFORMED THE UN REPRESENTATIVE THAT ALL UN TROOPS, CIVILIANS AND UN CIVIL POLICE MUST BE WITHDRAWN FROM ALL AREAS UNDER TURKISH MILITARY CONTROL BY THIS EVENING, AND IF THEY SUBSEQUENTLY RE-ENTERED THE TURKISH MILITARY ZONE, THEY WOULD BE REPULSED BY FORCE. THE UN SAYS THERE ARE LESS THAN 400 UN PERSONNEL (ABOUT ONE-SIXTH OF THE TOTAL UN FORCE) IN THE TURKISH SALIENT.

THE LATEST REPORT FROM THE UN AT ABOUT NOON WAS THAT THE INDIAN COMMANDER OF UNFICYP HAD DISCUSSED THIS DEMAND WITH THE TURKISH COMMANDER WHO HAD EASED SOMEWHAT OFF HIS ORIGINAL POSITION. HOWEVER, THIS IS STILL AN IMPORTANT PROBLEM AND WE DO NOT KNOW YET EXACTLY IN WHAT RESPECT THE TURKISH COMMANDER HAS EASED OFF.

3. SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING: THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS SCHEDULED TO RECONVENE AT 1500 EDT. THE SOVIETS INTENDED TO SUBMIT A REVISED DRAFT OF THEIR RESOLUTION WHICH WAS REJECTED EARLIER. THE AMENDED VERSION, WHICH DEALS WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 353, INSISTS ON AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE AND THE "SPEEDIEST WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL" AND FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO SEND A TEAM OF OBSERVERS TO CYPRUS.

4. POLITICAL SITUATION IN CYPRUS: THE POWERFUL CYPRUS EMPLOYEES UNION FEDERATION TODAY ASKED CLERIDES TO REMOVE THE MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET APPOINTED BY SAMPSON. CLERIDES HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN PROMISED SUPPORT BY MOST OF CYPRUS' POLITICAL GROUPS, INCLUDING THE COMMUNISTS, IF THE CABINET IS CLEANSED OF ALL MEMBERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE JULY 15 COUP. CLERIDES IS REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING SUCH A MOVE. MOSCOW, HOWEVER, TODAY ISSUED A STATEMENT FAVORING THE RETURN OF MAKARIOS.

5. GENEVA: IN THE FACE OF CONTINUED TURKISH INFLEXIBILITY OVER THE QUESTION OF TROOP WITHDRAWAL, THE TALKS ARE STILL SNAGGED. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL OF

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MINISTERS MEETING, ECEVIT REAFFIRMED "WHAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT ARE PROPOSALS WHICH MAY BE INTERPRETED AS ENVISAGING THE WITHDRAWAL OF OUR TROOPS IN THE FUTURE, OR STOPPING OR HINDERING THEIR REINFORCEMENT OR LOGISTIC SUPPORT. THE TURKISH DELEGATION WORKED OUT TWO SUBSTITUTE DRAFTS WITH THE UK DELEGATION: ONE, THAT THE THREE FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 353 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TWO, THAT ALL CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITYOF EVENTUAL DEMILITARIZATION. ONLY THE SECOND IS ACCEPTABLE TO ANKARA AND IS EXPECTED TO BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE GREEKS.

6. THERE WERE SCATTERED REPORTS THROUGHOUT THE MORNING THAT THE TALKS HAD REACHED A COMPLETE DEADLOCK. THROUGH UNOFFICIAL SOURCES, THE TURKS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEY

INTEND TO RESUME ALL-OUT WAR IF THE TALKS FAIL TO PRODUCE RESULTS.

7. ATHENS: IN AN INTERVIEW WITH "LE FIGARO", THE GREEK DEFENSE MINISTER DENIED ALLEGATIONS THAT IOANNIDES HAD BEEN FORCED TO RESIGN OR WAS IN PRISON. THE GREEK ARMED FORCES REMAIN ON ALERT. INGERSOLL

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